

**City of Wichita
District Advisory Board Meeting, District IV
April 3, 2023**

TO: Jeff Blubaugh, City Council Member
District Advisory Board Members

SUBJECT: FY2023-2024 Funding; CDBG, HOME, ESG

INITIATED BY: Housing and Community Services Department

AGENDA: New Business

Recommendation: Provide comment regarding community needs and funding priorities for the 2023-24 Fifth Year Annual Action Plan.

Background: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers the City of Wichita to be an entitlement city and as such, Wichita receives annual allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. In order to receive these funds the City is required to prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years. In addition, the City is required to submit an Annual Action Plan which addresses the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan.

Analysis: The City submitted a Consolidated Plan for the 2019 through 2023 program years, and staff is soliciting comment regarding funding priorities for the 5th Year Annual Action Plan, beginning July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024. The allocation amounts for 2023-2024 program year, are as follows: CDBG: \$2,979,416; HOME: \$1,714,307; ESG: \$255,040.

The public comment period for the 5th Year Annual Action Plan began on March 31, 2023 and will close May 1, 2023. District Advisory Boards and the general public are being asked to provide comment regarding funding priorities and allocations.

Youth Crime Prevention and Enrichment, Domestic Violence Shelter Services, Homeless Prevention and Homeless Assistance funding categories and levels were determined based on responses to a Requests for Proposals (RFP) process. After preliminary review by staff, proposals and applications were forwarded to the Grants Review Committee (GRC) appointed by the City Council for review and recommendation.

The RFP and GRC process that took place last year informed allocation levels for these organizations for both program years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024) remaining in the consolidated planning period. The award amount determined and subsequently allocated for 2022-2023 was then recommended again for 2023-2024 taking into consideration both funding availability and performance. The GRC recommendations are included below, where indicated.

5th Year Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements: \$224,000

Funding will be used for demolition and clearance of blighted structures cited by staff in the Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department.

Housing Activities: \$1,795,408

Funding in the amount of \$1,795,408 is available for home repair activities and program delivery costs. Activities to be undertaken will be consistent with the City's Comprehensive Housing Policy, specifically, the components related to affordability, availability, and neighborhood stability. Specific projects will assist in maintaining affordability while improving housing conditions for residents earning 80 percent or less of the area median income.

Program Administration: \$595,883

HUD allows up to 20 percent of the entitlement grant to be used for Program Administration, which includes reasonable costs associated with general management, oversight, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. Funds will be utilized for program management and City indirect costs.

City Manager's Office of Community Services: \$385,000

Funds will pay for salaries and benefits for three community services representatives and three administrative aides in Districts 1, 3, and 6, and eligible operational costs at the Resource Centers.

Housing and Community Services: \$100,000

Funds will pay for Housing First program staff salaries, benefits, and operational costs.

Domestic Violence Shelter Services: \$250,000

The purpose of the domestic violence shelter services is to provide temporary shelter, counseling and other support services for women and children who are fleeing domestic violence. An RFP was released for this activity, and the table below represents the GRC recommendations for each year of the two year funding cycle. Based on proposals recommended for funding, approximately 730 women and children will be served. Catholic Charities Harbor House was recommended for \$89,422 to provide services to 235 persons. StepStone Inc. was recommended for \$27,217 to provide services to 245 persons. Wichita Family Crisis Center was recommended for \$133,361 to provide services to 250 persons.

Agency	2022-23 & 2023-24 Recommendations
Catholic Charities	\$89,422
StepStone, Inc.	\$27,217
Wichita Family Crisis Center	\$133,361
TOTAL	\$250,000

Youth Crime Prevention and Enrichment: \$224,139

The purpose of funding for Youth Crime Prevention and Enrichment programs is to engage middle school age youth with identified risk factors in activities that will prevent crime and enrich their lives. An RFP was released for this activity. Five proposals were received, and the table below represents the GRC recommendations for each year of the two year funding cycle. Based on proposals recommended for funding, approximately 2,890 youth will be served. The YMCA of Wichita, KS, was recommended for \$113,387 to continue to provide an after-school enrichment program for 2800 youth in 13 middle schools. Kansas Big Brothers/Big Sisters was recommended for \$36,613 to serve 90 youth with volunteer mentors.

Agency	2022-23 & 2023-24 Recommendations
Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$36,613
YMCA of Wichita, KS	\$113,387
TOTAL	\$150,000

In addition to the above, a total of \$74,139 is designated for the continuance of a before and after school youth activity program in Planeview, which is administered by the Park and Recreation Department.

Summer Youth Employment: \$200,000

The proposed plan designates \$200,000 for The Way to Work summer youth employment program to be reserved for programming during the summer of 2024. The 2023 Way to Work Program will be implemented using CDBG funds from the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan allocation.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

Program Administration and Indirect Costs: \$171,431

Up to 10 percent of the City's HOME allocation can be used to offset costs of administering the program, including indirect costs. Indirect costs are computed by applying the applicable percentage to the amount of the anticipated annual grant.

HOMEownership 80: \$819,770

The down payment and closing cost recommendation is based on anticipated new and existing home sales in the 2023-2024 program year. This allocation amount will serve approximately 36 homebuyers.

Housing Development Loan Program (HDLP) & CHDO Set Aside: \$1,223,106

These funds are used by non-profit or for-profit developers for in-fill housing in the City-designated Redevelopment Incentive, Neighborhood Revitalization Areas, or high priority funding areas.

HUD requires that a minimum of 15 percent of the total annual HOME grant be designated (set-aside) for CHDOs, for the development of affordable housing. The City's priority for this funding is the development of single-family housing for homeownership, within the Neighborhood Revitalization Area. The CHDO set aside requirement will be managed within the HDLP to ensure that at least 15% of HDLP funds go to CHDOs for the development of affordable housing. HDLP and CHDO set aside will be reviewed by the Affordable Housing Review Board.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The ESG program prioritizes permanent housing solutions for the homeless or for persons at serious, imminent risk of becoming homeless, with a reduced focus on emergency shelter and street outreach. The legislation, which created this program, caps expenditures for shelter and outreach activities at 60 percent of the annual allocation. The funding recommendations made by the Continuum of Care Coordinating Team (CCCT) were accepted by the GRC were based on responses to the RFP. The table below represents the GRC & CCCT recommendations for each year of the two year funding cycle.

Agency – Homeless Assistance	2022-23 & 2023-24 GRC & CCCT Recommendation
Catholic Charities – Harbor House	\$14,000
Catholic Charities – St. Anthony Family Shelter	\$20,000
HumanKind Ministries – HumanKind Inn	\$18,000
The Salvation Army	\$8,000
United Methodist Open Door	\$29,967
Wichita Family Crisis Center	\$15,661
Wichita Children's Home	\$30,000
New Life Re-Entry Program	\$0
Total	\$135,628

Agency – Homeless Prevention	2022-23 & 2023-24 GRC & CCCT Recommendation
Center of Hope, Inc.	\$25,000
The Salvation Army	\$13,146
Hope Enterprises, Inc.	-
Total	\$38,146

Other ESG recommendations include \$62,138 for Rapid Re-Housing, and \$19,128 for the City’s program management and indirect costs.

Financial Considerations: There is no impact on the General Fund. The allocation amounts for 2023-2024 program year, are as follows: CDBG: \$2,979,416; HOME: \$1,714,307; ESG: \$255,040.

Legal Considerations: The comments provided by DAB members, citizens, and various community groups will be used to identify community needs and develop the City’s annual spending, as required by HUD for CDBG, HOME and ESG funds.

Recommendations/Actions: It is recommended that the District Advisory Board provide comment regarding community needs and funding priorities for the 2023-24 Fifth Year Annual Action Plan.